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### **Application Period Opens for CRWCD Grant Funding**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The Colorado River Water Conservation District has opened its 2005 Grant Program to applications for grant funding of worthy water projects. Every year, the Colorado River District assists both public and private projects of all sizes within the 15 Western Colorado counties encompassed by the District that fulfill the District's mission of "conservation, use and development of the water resources of the Colorado River and its principal tributaries." A total of \$150,000 in grant funds will be available, with individual grants capped at \$15,000 each.

Grant monies will be targeted at the following types of projects:

- Development of a new water supply.
- Improvement of an existing water supply system.
- Measures which improve instream water quality.
- Measures which promote water use efficiency.
- Measures which result in sediment reduction.
- Implementation of watershed management actions.
- Tamarisk control measures.

To apply for a Colorado River District grant, an application must be submitted with the following materials:

- Complete project description.
- Narrative statement as to project purpose.
- Project budget.
- Project schedule, including commencement and completion dates for the project.
- Project sponsor and participant data.

Applicants must submit this information to the Colorado River Water Conservation District by **January 31, 2005**.

Once awarded, CRWCD grant monies will cover 50% of the first \$10,000 of project cost and 20% of the subsequent \$50,000, up to a maximum grant amount of \$15,000.

The Colorado River District Board will finalize grant awards at their second quarterly Board meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Application forms and additional information is available online at [www.crwcd.gov/grantprogram.html](http://www.crwcd.gov/grantprogram.html), or call the Colorado River District at (970) 945-8522 to have materials sent to you. For further information you may contact David Merritt at (970) 945-8522, ext. 232 or by e-mail at [dmerritt@crwcd.org](mailto:dmerritt@crwcd.org).

The Colorado River Water Conservation District serves the residents of 15 West Slope counties, including Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Grand, Eagle, Summit, Garfield, Mesa, Gunnison, Pitkin, Delta, Ouray and portions of Montrose, Saguache and Hinsdale counties. The Colorado River District was chartered in 1937 to protect and conserve the waters of the Colorado River Basin for beneficial uses.

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